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**FCC TO HOST A  
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP  
FOR SMALL, MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES  
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

The FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities ("OCBO") will host a Supplier Diversity Conference and Workshop focusing on private sector business opportunities for small, minority and women-owned businesses. This important event will be held at FCC Headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 from 10:30 am until 4:30 pm in the Commission Meeting Room.

OCBO has invited representatives from private industry, specifically telecommunications and technology firms from across the country to discuss their organizations' contracting procedures and provide insight on how small businesses should navigate the procurement process generally.

The panel discussion will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. The panel will consist of supplier executives and diversity officers from Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, Comcast, and Microsoft. The panelists will talk about their companies' contracting needs and how small businesses can distinguish themselves in the race for lucrative opportunities. Thomas Reed, Director, OCBO, and Ronald Johnson, President of Solutions4Change, and a member of the FCC's Advisory Committee on Diversity in the Digital Age, will moderate.

In the afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm, OCBO will coordinate one-on-one sessions between our panelists and any small business owners who wish to participate. In these confidential meetings, small business owners will get individualized advice on supplier strategies and information on current contracting opportunities. If you would like to register for the afternoon meetings, please submit a company profile to Karen Beverly, Assistant for Management, OCBO, by no later than Monday, **July 21, 2014** via email at [Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov](mailto:Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov) or hardcopy, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, room 4-A635, Washington DC. 20554

All persons interested in attending this informative event in person are asked to register by contacting OCBO at (202) 418-0990 or via e-mail at [Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov](mailto:Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov). Persons interested in participating via the Internet may do so by logging on to [www.fcc.gov/ocbo](http://www.fcc.gov/ocbo). This event will be streamed live. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests

will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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